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Temple Akiba of Culver City

TEMPLE AKIBA of CULVER CITY Our light shines brighter together

Join us for our Purim Shpiel and Carnival! March 20, 9 am - 1 pm Charlie Kramer Artist in Residence Join us for a event-filled weekend March 11 - 13!



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MAR/APR Friday Shabbat Services

Friday, March 4 Shabbat Shira Service	6:30pm
Friday, March 11 Shabbat Service with guest artist Charlie Kramer	6:30pm
Friday, March 18 Broadway Shabbat Service	6:30pm
Friday , March 25 Shabbat Service led by TASTY youth group	6:30pm
Friday, April 1 Shabbat Shira Service	6:30pm
Friday, April 8 Torah Service with Choir	6:30pm
Friday, April 15 No Shabbat Service - join us for PASSOVER Saturday morning	Service
Friday, April 22 Passover themed Shabbat Service	6:30pm
Friday, April 29 Yom Hashoah themed Shabbat Service	6:30pm

On three things the world is sustained:

on Torah,

on service,

and on deeds of loving kindness.

Pirkei Avot 1:2

Shalom, Rav



Dear all,

"In every generation, each of us must look upon ourselves as though we, personally, came out of Egypt."

I've read this excerpt from our Passover Haggadah every year my entire life. But somehow, each year, it's as though I encounter the wisdom for the first time.

While the biblical story teaches of our escape from Egypt and our passage across the desert toward the Promised Land, the narrative is truly a metaphor, speaking truths to all who have been through trauma.

We all know what it feels like to have been in difficult circumstances.

We have all been broken. We have all been judged. We have all been hurt. We have all been marginalized. We have all been stuck. We have all been slaves to something.

But the take-away can not be self-pity. Rather, it's self-awareness. We have been there. We know how it feels. We therefore have an obligation to recognize there are others who are still in Egypt.

There are those living without shelter. There are those who are undocumented. There are those in abusive relationships. There are those without jobs. There are those with jobs that are unhealthy. There are those with addictions. There are those who are without hope.

Passover is a reminder that we are a People who opens the doors of our homes, our hearts, and our souls, to join hands with those who are escaping their personal Egypt. We journey together, and we march toward the light!

Maya, Eli, Ron, and I wish you and all you love a Festival of new opportunities!

With love and shalom,

Rabbi Zachary Shapiro

Cantor's Corner

"In every generation, we each must look at ourselves as though we, personally, came out of Egypt."



The beauty of the Passover story and seder is that it is not a passive story or experience. It is a story in which we are to engage in every year and find personal meaning in. We are to look at our ancestors' experience as our own. They went from their narrow space as slaves into lives as free people. Each one of us has experienced our own difficulties, our own narrow spaces which we have grown and learned from. The Rabbi challenged the staff to think deeply about the statement above and write our bulletin articles in response. I wanted to share a time in my life that was the most challenging.

In 2012 when I was 9 months pregnant with my now 9-year-old daughter Meleena, my in laws were in a horrific car accident. My father-in-law was instantly killed and my mother-in-law was rushed to the hospital on the brink of death having shattered over 15 bones in her body including multiple back and neck fractures. My husband drove to Sacremento to be there for his mom and deal with the tragic death of his father. I remained home with my then 3 ½ year old daughter Indee and dealt with the impact of this tragedy and my last month of pregnancy without my husband by my side.

It was a very dark period in our lives. We all grieved for the sudden death of Mel and immediately decided to change the name we had picked out for our baby to honor Mel. Meleena Jo Gantman was born exactly a month after the car accident. Her glowing presence along with the joy and light of Indee helped Michael and I through one of the darkest periods in our life. We learned that we could laugh in the midst of grieving and that the love of two small children helped guide us through the narrow space of that period of time. We learned that grief doesn't go away but the joy of life takes over bit by bit as the years go on. Indee and Meleena continue to shine their lights on our lives and bring us great joy and comfort.

I would like to pose the same question to all of you. What is your personal Egypt? What is a difficult passage or time period that you have come through? What helped you get through it and how did you grow from it?

Wishing you all a wonderful Pesach.

Cantor Lonee

ECC & RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Parenting during a pandemic: enduring practices moving forward

"In every generation, we each must look at ourselves as though we, personally, came out of Egypt."

Parenting during a pandemic has been remarkably challenging to say the least. Families across the country are still adapting to the ever-evolving changes in daily life caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. It is also understandable if your children are feeling anxious, too.

The silver lining in all this is that with all the increased anxiety, uncertainties and demands of these times, now may be a great opportunity for parents and children to build resilience, structure and routine. A recent study published in the Journal of Pediatric Psychology revealed that the parent-child relationship is particularly important in predicting a child's resilience during a stressful time. It is very important to bear in mind that children look to adults for guidance on how to react to stressful events. Teaching children positive preventive measures, talking with them about their fears and giving them a sense of some control over their risk of infection can help to reduce anxiety.

This is also a wonderful opportunity for adults to model for children's problem-solving, patience, gratitude, flexibility and compassion as we all work through adjusting daily schedules, balancing work and other activities. It has been over two years since a violent storm of turbulence erupted. Chaos and confusion were thrown at parents with no time to prepare or react. What's more, our children had front row seats, witnessing in real time on centerstage how we as parents handle adversity, a skill that will have a profound impact as they travel on this journey called life.

If you should ever feel as a parent that you are not doing the best job in the universe, Relax: you're doing the best you can, and your kids know that, and they'll be okay.

Why not use this critical time as a teachable moment? Make your home a place you enjoy being, a place where you find comfort, where you feel safe and where you can find simple joys and happiness. Whether you realize it or not, being together is a huge advantage and a priceless gift that we as families should be embracing.

Randee Bishoff, Director of Education



President's Message

As Passover approaches, Rabbi Shapiro asked us to reflect on how we have come out of Egypt, what deserts have we crossed this past year.

Despite the darkness and oppression we have felt from the challenges of Covid-19, we have emerged stronger and brighter together, led with light by Rabbi Shapiro, Cantor Frailich, Jeffrey Rips, Randee Bishoff, and our Board of Directors, along with the guidance of our Covid-19 Advisory Task Force.

I am so proud of our response. Rabbi's Moment in Time Message, "Activate the Shift Key" is so apropos. That is what we have done this past year. Shift in response to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Shift physically and emotionally to keep us engaged and connected. We created a lovely sacred space in our Annex Courtyard. Religious School classes moved outside. Sisterhood pivoted to Onegs-to-go.

While we were disappointed to have to cancel our January events, we shifted to scheduling them when we can truly celebrate. Our Casino Night on June 11 will kick-off our Summer Events, including Day and Resident Camps. Stay tuned for the celebration of our restored Torah, sponsored by Sisterhood.

We shifted our outreach, starting monthly collection drives, sponsored by our Tikkun Olam Committee. Our Caring community volunteers are reaching out with more phone calls, helping those in need or isolated to still feel connected.

These challenges have provided us the opportunity to shift our thinking, to bring us together in new ways. For the first time ever, we are providing Mishloach Manot to each other, a Purim tradition of giving. With the hiring of our first Program Director, Kathyrn Vischjager, we have offered new programs-challah baking, candle making, Homebrew 101, Rosh Hodesh, Organic produce, Akiba Dog Meet-Up, just to start.

And our traditions continue: Purim Carnival March 20 and Mitzvah Day May 22, always mindful that we may need to use the Shift Key in our planning and execution.

I remain hopeful that the dark days are behind us, we have crossed the desert, and as Passover and Spring approach. we are on the road to Freedom and New Life.

Cathy Penso, President



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

I love Passover. Everything from retelling the story to eating the delicious food and gathering as a Family. They all make the holiday special for me. When I stop and think, I look further back in our history to the time of Joseph entering Egypt. It was a challenging time for Joseph, but to me, Joseph is the ultimate example of one who has suffered in life. Yet, he not only survives, he thrives. He achieves greatness through his challenges. Although not necessarily similar to Joseph's story, or being slaves in Egypt, our community has also had a difficult year, as individuals, and as a congregation. But like Joseph, Temple Akiba has not only survived, we have thrived.

We have utilized technology to ensure that we stay connected. We continue to have enriching Lunch and Learn, Coffee with the Clergy, and Torah Study, and we have created many new programs like Challah Bake, Dogs of Akiba, and Rosh Chodesh. Temple membership is up, we have more children in our Religious School, and our B'nai Mitzvah classes continue to grow. Our ECC children come to the Temple daily to be part of a loving, caring and safe environment. We have very successful resident and day camps. There continues to be many Tikun Olam opportunities to help those in need, and the Temple has established a green team, and is participating in Culver City's Sustainable Business Certification Program. We have also made many facility refurbishments and improvements. And so much more!

In addition, last month, we reconvened Temple Akiba's security committee after a hiatus due to the pandemic. In light of more recent events including the hostage situation at Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville, Texas, we need to remain vigilant and to further develop our security policies and procedures, reinforce the critical community relationships necessary to protect us, provide training to staff and congregants, and continue to assess and improve our physical campus. As the committee members continue their work, they and the Board will keep the congregation apprised of key activities, including the opportunity for training and community engagement.

We are so appreciative for all those who have worked tirelessly so that we could not only survive, but thrive during this time. We are excited about our future as we focus on planning and dreaming. With all that we have and will accomplished, this once again proves that our Light does Shine Brighter Together! Thank you for being part of a very special community. Thank you for being part of Temple Akiba!



L'Shalom, Jeffrey Rips, Executive Director

Director of Engagement

Sara Fields

Tikkun Olam Committee Donation Drives

In January, we collected granola bars for Culver City Backpacks for Kids, a community program that sends backpacks full of groceries home each weekend with Culver City students whose families are in need.

We frequently work with Grace Diner, a program of our neighbor Grace Lutheran Church which provides meals to go and other necessities five nights a week. In February we collected new men's and women's underwear for their clients.

Blood Drives

The Red Cross reports a critical need for blood. They had to cancel our January blood drive because they did not have enough staff members. We will have another drive on Mitzvah Day, May 22. In the meantime, congregants are encouraged to make an appointment at the Red Cross Blood Donation Center, 5359 Sepulveda Blvd., Culver City. Go to https://www.redcross.org

Caring Community

Terry Coty and Meg Clements are now managing the Caring Community. They do outreach to Temple members dealing with injuries, illness, bereavement or other life events. They have hit the ground running, making phone calls and finding resources. Please let me know of any needs and I will forward to Terry and Meg.

For more information, contact Sara Fields at direngagement@templeakiba.net

CASINO NIGHT Saturday, June 11 7:00 - 10:30 pm

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Join Temple Akiba for our 2022 CASINO NIGHT. Beyond supporting the magical and life-changing experience of our youth at Temple Akiba in Culver City, your generosity for this Casino Night will help to continue our youth programs and its role in Jewish life. Proceeds from this event will sustain and support Temple Akiba for many years to come.

To register or pay online, please visit: https://templeakiba.formstack.com/forms/casino_night_sponsorship

Or contact the Temple Office at 310-398-5783

Casino Night Sponsors

As of 2/15/22

VIP Sponsorship - \$3600 Cathy & Bruce Penso

Ira & Laurie Waldman Randee & Scott Bishoff

Dessert Sponsorship - \$1800 Hillside Memorial Park Bar Sponsorship - \$1800 Jaimie & Joe Rubin

Bond Sponsor - \$1007

Tamar & Fren Asken Lacey Bauer, Culver City Real Estate Agent Jaffe Insurance Agency

Weekend Gambler Sponsorship - \$720

Mike Gursky & Veronica Frausto Ira & Maria Pemstein Wise Sons Jewish Deli

Sponsor - \$540

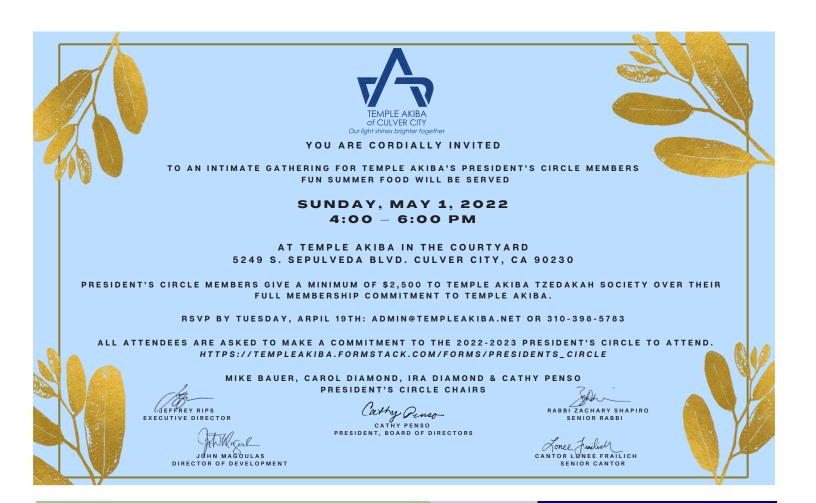
Davis + Burns Properties Rabbi Shapiro & Ron Galperin Scott & Anita Markowitz Jeffrey & Lauren Rips

Sponsor - \$360

Cavanaugh Realtors Sharlene & Tony London John Magoulas Temple Akiba Sisterhood Morris & Elizabeth Zlotowitz Individual Tickets:

Until May 23rd – \$136

Starting May 24th- \$154





TEMPLE AKIBA'S 15TH ANNUAL MITZVAH DAY



SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2022

A magical day of Tikkun Olam and community building devoted to a variety of on-site and off-site projects for the benefit of those in need in our community and beyond.

Plant flowers in painted pots Clean the beach Make Shabbat kits Paint treasure boxes Sing to the Elderly Decorate Book Bags Create Kindness Rocks

Write Messages of Gratitude & Caring

Help people experiencing homelessness:

Make lunches Assemble Care kits Sort shoes for the Homeless Knit a hat or make a scarf Make Challah to fight hunger Donate blood Learn CPR

Start Collecting: gently used shoes & new socks, travel size hygiene items, disposable razors, feminine hygiene products, books for teens, school supplies Contact Cathy Penso, president@templeakiba.net



Lunch Combinations \$5 Each Lunch Option: Pizza/Chips/Drink Nacho Bar/Drink Salad/Chips/Drink Beer Garden Wristband \$18 - Good for two pours beer or flight (Must be 21 and over to purchase/participate



Purim Carnival Sponsorship Levels

Land of PersOZ Event Sponsorship - \$1,800

- Recognition in all event publicity (Bulletin, website, Enews, Social media posts, signage at event)
- 4 event wristbands
- 36 tickets

Talent Competitions Sponsorship - \$540 "Ruby Red Slippers"

- Naming of the Talent Competitions
- Recognition in all event publicity (Bulletin, website, Enews, Social media posts, signage at event)
- 2 event wristbands
- 18 tickets

Costume Contest Sponsorship - \$540

"Popular"

- Naming of the Costume Contest

- Recognition in all event publicity (Bulletin, website, Enews, Social media posts, signage at event)

- 2 event wristbands
- 18 tickets

Beer Garden Sponsorship - \$540

"Over The Rainbow"

- Naming of the Beer Garden
- Recognition in all event publicity (Bulletin, website, Enews, Social media posts, signage at event)
- 2 event wristbands
- 18 tickets

Name a Booth Sponsor - \$360

"Yellow Brick Road"

- Naming of a booth
- Recognition at the event (signage at booth)
- 2 event wristbands

Co-sponsor a Booth - \$180

"No Place Like Home"

- Naming of a booth
- Recognition at the event (signage at booth)
- Event wristband

Recognition at the Carnival - \$90

"Off To See The Wizard"

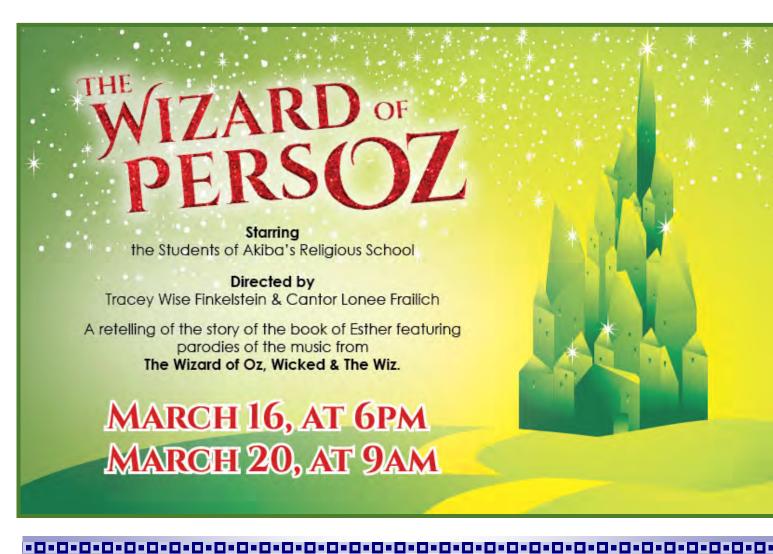
- Recognition at the event (signage at event)
- 18 event food tickets

Recognition at the Carnival - \$54

"Defy Gravity"

- Recognition at the event (signage at event)

PAYMENT INFORMATION
Enclosed is my check payable to Temple Akiba in the amount of \$
To pay online, please visit: https://templeakiba.formstack.com/forms/purim_carnival_2022
Please charge my credit card in the amount of \$
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY! IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT JEFFREY RIPS AT (310) 398-5783 / director@templeakiba.net
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Sisterhood Needs Your Help



We need volunteers to bake and help sell for the Temple Akiba Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 20th, 10 am - 1 pm

What an easy way to support the Carnival and satisfy your sweet tooth!



To pre-register your donations, contact Cindy Smith at (310) 869-3493.

Donations must be pre-packaged in individual portions and delivered at 9 am on the day of the Carnival.



(Please note if your baked goods contain nuts, are sugar or gluten free or are vegan.)

What Do We Need? Hamantaschen, cookies, hamantaschen, brownies, hamantaschen, lemon squares, hamentaschen, rice crispy squares - please avoid anything super gooey or heavily frosted.

CHARLIE KRAMER Artist in Residence Weekend MARCH 11 - 13

FRIDAY MARCH 11

Shabbat Services co-lead by Charlie & Temple Akiba clergy, 6:30pm

SATURDAY MARCH 12

Torah Study led by Charlie, 9–10am

Havdalah & Singing in the Dark, 6pm

SUNDAY MARCH 13

Religious School T'filah led by Charlie



CHARLIE Chulif from









Temple Akiba Sisterhood Women of Reform Judaism

Annual Havdalah Service

Saturday, March 26, 5:00 P.M.

Join us for a memorable and musical evening as we conduct our Torah Service followed by an inclusive Havdalah.

If protocols allow, we will try to arrange a dinner following the Service. Look for additional information in the Temple Weekly E-news







As the days start to lengthen, we look forward to many holidays and annual celebrations Sisterhood observes. Flyers providing information are included in this Bulletin.

Sisterhood will again be sponsoring our Annual Bake Sale at the Temple Akiba Purim Carnival. Donations of baked goods, pre-packaged, are welcome. For more information be sure to contact our fabulous Bake Sale Co-Chair Cindy Smith at (310) 869-3493.

Our Annual Sisterhood Havdalah Service will be held on March 26th. This is an evening celebrating Sisterhood and women, filled with inspiration and music for everyone - women and men - to enjoy, and includes an all-inclusive Havdalah celebration. We are anticipating a very special evening together in our Sanctuary.

Embark with Sisterhood on a new adventure: Counting the Omer for the Climate. From Purim to Passover, fulfill the mitzvah of conscientiously taking care of our planet as well as developing ongoing habits that will be responsible and green.

Please remember that our Gift Shop stocks a full range of items for Purim and Passover. If you want to make a purchase for any occasion contact Linda Park, mommylinda50@hotmail.com, for an appointment and to see our full inventory.







EASY HAMANTASCHEN RECIPE



Ingredients:
3 eggs
1 cup sugar
1 cup canola oil
1 ½ tsp vanilla
$3\frac{1}{2}$ - 4 cups flour
1 tsp baking powder
Apricot jam

Beat eggs, sugar, oil & vanilla Add baking powder; add flour 1 cup at a time Before adding last ½ cup make sure the consistency is pliable. Use remainder of flour to roll our dough to 1/8″ thickness. Cut into 2 – 3 inch rounds. Spoon jam in middle. Fold into triangle. Bake 20 minutes.

Instructions: Preheat oven to 350

March 2022 28 Adar I 5782 - 28 Adar II 5782						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		28 Adar I 1	29 Adar I 2	30 Adar I	1 Adar II 4	2 Adar II 5
			11:00 AM Coffee with the Clergy		9:00 AM Tiny Tot Shabbat	9:00 AM Torah Study
				8:30 Rosh Hodesh: Spirituality for Women Online Event	6:30 PM Refugee Shabbat Shira & 2nd Grade Family Service	10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bar Mitzvah of Cody Raichlen
3 Adar II	4 Adar II 7	5 Adar II 8	6 Adar II 9	7 Adar II 10	8 Adar II 11	9 Adar II 12
	12:00 PM Lunch & Learn ECC Closed – Staff Development Day	7:00 PM Sisterhood Board Meeting	7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom	3:30- 7:00 PM Challah: Braid & Bake	6:30 PM Shabbat Service with Choir	9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bat Mitzvah of Chloe Aaronson
					Charlie Kramer – Musical Artist & Speaker	Charlie Kramer — Musical Artist & Speaker
10 Adar II 13	11 Adar II 14	12 Adar II 15	13 Adar II 16	14 Adar II 17	15 Adar II 18	16 Adar II 19
Charlie Kramer – Musical Artist & Speaker	12:00 PM Lunch & Learn		11:00 AM Coffee with the Clergy		10:00 AM ECC Purim Celebration	9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with
Daylight Savings Time			6:00 PM Purim Shpiel & Megillah Reading		6:30 PM Broadway Shabbat with the Band	Bar Mitzvah of Nate Dixon 7:00 PM Yoga &
Begins			20.4.1		22.4.1.1	Havdallah
17 Adar II 20	18 Adar II 21	19 Adar II 22	20 Adar II 23	21 Adar II 24	22 Adar II 25	23 Adar II 26
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Purim Carnival	12:00 PM Lunch & Learn	7:00 PM Men's Group Meeting	7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom		6:30 PM TASTY Shabbat Service	9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bar Mitzvah of Shawn Fairbairn
						5:00 PM Sisterhood Havdallah
24 Adar II 27	25 Adar II 28	26 Adar II 29	27 Adar II 30	28 Adar II 31		
	No Lunch & Learn		8:30 Rosh Hodesh: Spirituality for Women Online Event			

April 2022 29 Adar II 5782 - 29 Nissan 5782

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					29 Adar II	1 Nissan
					1	2
					9:00 AM Tiny Tot Shabbat	9:00 AM Torah Study
					6:30 PM Shabbat Shira Service & 6th Grade Family Service	
2 Nissan	3 Nissan	4 Nissan	5 Nissan	6 Nissan	7 Nissan	8 Nissan
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Religious School Passover Celebration	9:45 AM ECC Matzah Factory		11:00 AM Coffee with the Clergy		ECC Passover Seder	9:00 AM Torah Study
	12:00 PM Lunch & Learn				6:30 PM Shabbat Torah Service with Choir	10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bar Mitzvah of Ilan Larsen
9 Nissan	10 Nissan	11 Nissan	12 Nissan	13 Nissan	14 Nissan	15 Nissan
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 9:00 AM Torah Study
	12:00 PM Lunch & Learn	7:00 PM Sisterhood Meeting	7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom		No Shabbat Service	
					ECC & Religious School Spring Break	
Religious School Spring Break	ECC & Religious School Spring Break	ECC & Religious School Spring Break	ECC & Religious School Spring Break	ECC & Religious School Spring Break	Passover – 1st Seder	Passover – 2nd Seder
16 Nissan	17 Nissan	18 Nissan	19 Nissan	20 Nissan	21 Nissan	22 Nissan
17	18	19	20	21	22 Temple Closed	23
	12:00 PM Lunch & Learn		11:00 AM Coffee with the Clergy		6:30 PM Passover Shabbat Service	9:00 AM Torah Study
Religious School Spring Break	ECC & Religious School Spring Break	ECC & Religious School Spring Break	ECC & Religious School Spring Break	ECC & Religious School Spring Break	ECC & Religious School Spring Break	Men's Group Concert - A Night of Music with Cantor & Craig Newman
Passover	Passover	Passover	Passover	Passover	Passover	
23 Nissan 24	24 Nissan 25	25 Nissan 26	26 Nissan 27	27 Nissan 28	28 Nissan 29	29 Nissan 30
Religious School Mock Mitzvah	ECC Resumes 12:00 PM Lunch & Learn	7:00 PM – Men's Group Meeting	7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom		6:30 PM Yom Hashoah Shabbat Service	9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bar Mitzvah of Elijah Sayles
				Yom Hashoah		

TZEDAKAH

Members and friends of Temple Akiba have chosen to honor the memories of loved ones and to express their condolences to bereaved families by making contributions to the Yahrzeit and other Temple funds. In addition, one can make donations to the Temple to honor birthdays, a marriage, a baby naming, a conversion, the privilege of sitting on the bima, for having an aliya, or for any other blessed occasion.

TEMPLE FUND

Stephanie & Daniel Cutler
Susan Frazin
Dorothy Gach Family Foundation
Sandra & Michael Newman
In honor of:
Mike Bauer, for his 80th birthday, from Bari & Steven Good
Gail Glickman, from Alicia Walker
Gaby Tsimanis, on becoming a Bat Mitzvah. Mazal Tov! from John
Magoulas & Stella August
In memory of:
Sunny Feinerman, from Cheryl & Mark Diamond
Sunny Feinerman, Carol Diamond's Mother. May her memory be
for a blessing, from John Magoulas & Stella & Matt August
Sunny Feinerman, Carol Diamond's Mother, from Janice & Neil
Schwartz

Sunny Feinerman, from Leanna & Ron Watts Sunny Feinerman, from Stan & Sheila Weinberg Pam Routh, my sister, from Douglas Routh

CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In gratitude to **Cantor Lonee**, for the Shiva service for my Mom, from Carol & Ira Diamond

Thanks to **Cantor Lonee** for your support of our daughters' B'not Mitzvah, from Gregg & Ellen Goldfarb

In honor of:

Olive Rosemberg, on becoming a Bat Mitzvah, from Leanna & Ron Watts

Maggie D, sister of Elizabeth Zlotowitz, from Leanna & Ron Watts *In memory of:*

Deb Falcon, Irma Silverstein, & Joseph Diamond, who all appreciated the Cantor's music, from Helene & David Jaffa **Sarah "Sunny" Feinerman**, beloved mother of Carol Diamond, from Bea Fine

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER FUND

In honor of:

Randee Bishoff - Thank you for all that you do for all of the children in the ECC throughout this global pandemic, to enrich the lives of the children and keep them safe. Thank you for creating such a remarkable environment, from Don Coscarelli

Susan Fine, may you feel better soon, from Leanna & Ron Watts *In memory of:*

Ann W. Gordon, my mother-in-law, from Sheila Gordon & Family **Irving Ziedman**, my father, from Sheila Gordon & Family

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In honor of: Jannie Magoulas, our mom and oma, celebrating her birthday. Love, John, Stella, Matt, Maya and Josh In memory of: Sunny Feinerman, from Howard & Ilene Lichtman

YAHRZEIT FUND

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In gratitude to **Rabbi Shapiro** who provided comfort to my family, from Kim Roth

In gratitude to **Rabbi Shapiro**, for conducting the funeral for my sister, Pamela Routh. You accurately captured the essence of the caring, gracious, vibrant being she was, you did honor to her. Thank you from Douglas Routh

Rabbi Shapiro, in appreciation and celebration of Sarah and Jack's wedding, from Ann & Jeff Wexler

In honor of:

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Men's Group of Temple Akiba



You Never Know What Will Come of the Things You Do

I celebrated my friend's 70th birthday two weeks ago. I've known Ralph since 2nd grade at PS20. We went to school all the way through Bronx Science. He lived around the corner from me in Flushing and over those years we spent time in each others homes and got to know each others families.

So, it was with some surprise that I learned something that day about his family that I had never known. Ralph's dad grew up in Germany. He attended a progressive school which encouraged individual expression and exploration. His favorite teacher at the school was a man who taught the interconnectiveness of everything. And then the Nazi's came to power. The school was closed. Eventually, his dad made his way to the U.K on the Kindertransport. It was not long before the war started, at which point all Germans, refugees or not, were relocated to detention centers. When the blitz started, some refugees were offered the chance to relocate to Australia. Ralph's dad looked around at the camp and figured a German bomber would not be able to tell the difference between an army base and a detention center. He opted for Australia.

As they left England behind them his ship, the HMT Dunera, was targeted by German U-Boats. Of the two torpedoes, one missed, running below the ship in a stormy sea. The other hit the ship, but miraculously did not detonate, leaving a serious dent in the hull, but not sinking it.

About 10 years after the war, Ralph's dad tracked down his old teacher, finding that he had survived the war and now lived in upstate New York. The two men quickly reestablished their friendship. Ralph relates watching the two men at the table talking in German when suddenly his dad got quiet and started to cry. Many years later his father finally told him what had happened.

His teacher, a fierce anti-Nazi, had been put into a work camp. He was assigned to work in a munitions factory. What he told Ralph's dad that day was that the job he was given was to assemble the warheads on torpedoes, and that whenever the guards were not watching he would pour sand into the detonators. His teacher, his friend, without knowing and from a long distance, may have saved his life.

Do you have a story to tell? Don't let it go unheard. Share it with others. Join the Men's Group. Drop an email to Victor Nahmias @ <u>Vnahmias@aol.com</u> and we will get you on our mailing list today! Ready to get started? Minimum dues of \$36 for men, \$18 for associates.



The Men's Group of Culver City



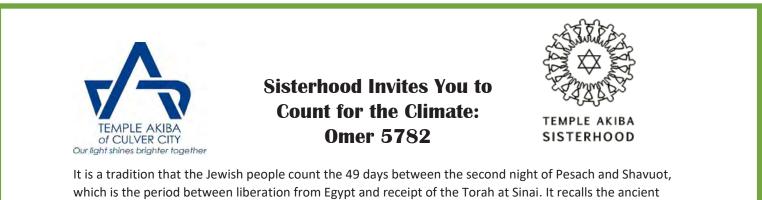
The Men's Group of Temple Akiba invites you to join us for an exciting variety of events in March and April!

March Meeting: The Rise in Overt Anti-Semitism - What It Means and How to Deal With It

As exemplified by the hostage situation at Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville, Texas and the various loud and active movements unabashedly showing their antisemitism, these are interesting time for Jews. How to deal with it? How to respond? We will have a guest speaker at this meeting Time: Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 7:00 PM Pacific Time https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3680685668 Meeting ID: 368 068 5668

April Meeting: A Night of Music

The Men's Group is celebrating a return to normal life with our annual fund-raiser on behalf of Temple Akiba. Join us for a night of music and entertainment with our guest stars Cantor Lonee Frailich and Craig Newman. Live at the Temple: Saturday, April 23, 2022 @ 7:00 pm



which is the period between liberation from Egypt and receipt of the Torah at Sinai. It recalls the ancient practice of bringing sheaves of barley, the Omer, as offerings to the Temple then counting the days until Shavuot. This year, 5782, is a Shemitah Year in which we are to let the fields renew. It is a time to heal the earth. Temple Akiba Sisterhood invites you to use this period to acknowledge our damaged climate and to take part in the work to help heal the world. We will provide suggested activities for a theme in each of the seven weeks of Counting Omer. You can do as many or as few as work for you and your family.

- 1. Week 1- April 16-22: Be Waterwise
- 2. Week 2- April 23-29: Reduce Plastic Use
- 3. Week 3- April 30-May 6: Think Recycle
- 4. Week 4- May 7-13: Reuse Rather Than Discard
- 5. Week 5- May 14-20: Reduce Your Carbon Footprint
- 6. Week 6- May 21-27: Save Energy
- 7. Week 7: May 28-June 4: Choose Foods that Sustain the Planet





















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B'Nai Mitzvah - Mazal Tov!







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llan Larsen son of Tova & Kurt Larsen Saturday, April 9 Elijah Sayles son of Dana & Tyson Sayles Saturday, April 30

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